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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The reply filed on December 24, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The alleged amended portions of the specification do not show, by bracketed deleted material or underlined added material, that which applicants changes. For example, in each amended portion of the specification, applicants changes, relative to the original patent specification, are not made in the manner prescribed by 37 CFR §1.173.

Therefore the amendment to the specification have not been entered as they are in improper format. Based on applicants comments however, it appears that the proposed amendments are otherwise permissible.

The amendment to the claims has been entered as the amendments to the claims is in proper format.

Claims 1-20 are otherwise allowable and this application would be in condition for allowance upon appropriate correction of the above.

Concerning applicants comments regarding the oath, changes to a patent specification, when made in a different manner than that accompanying the originally filed oath are considered to be potentially not covered by the original oath. It is strongly urged that a supplemental oath (form PTO/SB/51S available at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/index.html>) be filed.


Additionally, the original patent, or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent (form PTO/SB/55 also available at the above web site), must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. See 37 CFR 1.178. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Rivell whose telephone number is (703) 308-2599. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. from 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (703) 308-1272. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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